



# 2nd Pres Knox

WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

*Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace,  
we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and  
serving him in the world.*

## Second Presbyterian Church

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*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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**September 19, 2021**

*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*Lord of the Dance*

*arr. Mark Hayes*

***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 67*

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: May the peoples praise you, O God;

**All: May all the peoples praise you.**

One: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**All: For you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

One: May the peoples praise you, O God;

**All: May all the peoples praise you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Here in This Place*

#401, vv. 1,2,4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*from Isaiah 43*

One: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

**All: Christ, who has redeemed us, is merciful and just.**

One: The Lord, who has called us, forgives us and frees us to forgive one another.

**All: God, who claims us, heals and accepts us as we are and continually moves toward us.**

One: Christ has redeemed us, we are named forgiven, and we belong to the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

*Here in This Place*

**Let us sing praise to God our Father, let us sing praise to God the Son**

**Let us sing praise to God's Holy Spirit**

**Now and forever the bless'd Three in One**

**As he has been, he will be forever; as he is now, he ever shall be**

**Our Sovereign God stands fast through the ages**

**Life without end his eternal decree**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

We invite you pass the peace electronically with those outside your household.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 49:1-6

p. 679 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

***Celtic Prayer***

*Cabaniss, arr. Purifoy*

Hear my voice, most gracious Lord. O hear the prayer within my soul.

May the words rise to you with songs of praise.

Give me peace, touch my heart to feel your everlasting love.

Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the morning when I rise.

Lead my life, most faithful Lord, to seek your thoughts and know your will.

For my soul longs to dwell within your care.

Give me strength, guide my steps to live according to your word.

Lead my life, Holy Lord, in the beauty of your grace.

Search me, O Lord, and know my heart.

Try me, O God, and know my thoughts.

Find any wrong that dwells within my heart.

And lead me forever in your everlasting love.

I will sing with all my heart, I sing of God's unchanging love.

For his mercy endures forevermore.

May my trust rest in God to know the fullness of his grace.

Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the stillness of this hour.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 21:27-22:22

p. 142 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Tim Reynolds**

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

TIME FOR REFLECTION

***Give Me Jesus***

*arr. Mary McDonald*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from* The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and the church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call. The institutions of the people of God change and vary as their mission requires in different times and places. Every church order must be open to such reformation as may be required to make it a more effective instrument of the mission of reconciliation.

HYMN OF SENDING

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

#692

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Amen*

*arr. Jack Schrader*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Bruce Foster – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Technicians:** Dale Henley, Elizabeth Seastrunk (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given by Doug and Leslie Matthews, siblings Crosby and Caroline, in loving memory of Kyle Matthews.

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Sept 19	Acts 21:27-22:21	Paul's Arrest at the Temple
Sept 26	Acts 22:22-23:11	Paul in Front of the Sanhedrin
Oct 3	Acts 23:12-35	A Plot to Kill Paul
Oct 10	Acts 24:1-27	Paul and Felix

**THE OCTOBER SECOND EDITION** deadline is tomorrow, September 20<sup>th</sup>! Email Audrey with your submissions!

**COVID PRECAUTION PHASES:** At its regularly stated meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>, the Session of 2nd Presbyterian Church implemented four Covid Precaution Phases. The phases are tied to the 7-Day Average Covid-19 Percent Positive Tests data provided by the Knox County Health Department. These phases will provide for the safety, health, and well-being of our membership and our visitors, given the level of Covid transmission in Knox County. Information on the phases is available on the home page of our website and in the September *2nd Edition*. Signs on the doors of the church building and the banner on the top of our website will indicate the current phase. **We are currently in Phase Red.**

## DISCIPLESHIP

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED** on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. When we are in Covid Phase Red, there will be no dinner and the class will take place virtually. Once we have returned to Covid Phase Orange, the Bible Study will be in-person with a virtual option for those who wish to join from home. We will also gather for dinner at 6:00 p.m. during Covid Phase Orange, but a prepared meal will not be served. Instead, we invite those who desire to gather for dinner with each person/family providing their own "brown bag" dinner. When we return to Covid Phase Yellow, a prepared meal will be provided at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Bible study at 6:30 p.m.

This fall we are studying *The Kingdom Parables of Jesus*, those parables in which Jesus says, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." The format is lecture/small group discussion. Pastor Tim will review the story for 20 minutes or so then we break into small groups for discussion questions together. The discussion questions are provided.

## FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**FOOD & FRIENDS WILL RESUME** when we return to Covid Phase Orange. Food & Friends is a fellowship ministry to college students and young adults that provides a free lunch following worship. While in Covid Phase Orange we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a catered meal. Once we reach Covid Phase Yellow we will return to visiting a local restaurant each week. Hosts for Food & Friends are needed each week to arrange for the meal. ***If you are interested in serving as a host this fall***, please contact Patricia Kennedy ([patricia.w.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.w.kennedy@gmail.com)).

**COMPASSIONATE CUISINE** meals for the homebound: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at [flowlilly@gmail.com](mailto:flowlilly@gmail.com) or 865.765.0549.

**EXTENDED COMMUNION?** If you are interested in being part of our Extended Communion Program, please contact Jan Barber.

**VISITING SHUT-INS UPDATE:** Some of our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities have shut down again due to Covid-19. Be on guard and call before visiting anyone who may be in a facility to get the latest updates.

## **THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

All functions in the building are cancelled during Covid Phase Red.

### Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Conference Call)  
11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship

### Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)

### Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Virtual)  
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)

### Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Conference Call)  
11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Scott Farris, Alex Robinson, and Peter Hamilton.

\*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.  
*Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.*

## ***SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF***

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